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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicant brings to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO 1449. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed together with the above-referenced continuation application.

The listed documents were previously cited by the Examiner or submitted in an Information Disclosure Statement by Applicant in prior Application No. 09/639,637, filed August 16, 2000, upon which Applicant relies for the benefits provided in 35 U.S.C. § 120. Accordingly, it is not required that copies of the cited documents be provided.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

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